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LEAKING MUSTARD AGENT DETECTED IN STORAGE IGLOO AT DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT

DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT, STOCKTON, Utah -- Mustard agent leaking from a bulk container was detected today during routine monitoring operations in a storage igloo at Deseret Chemical Depot.

Depot workers used specialized equipment to contain the vapor, then moved the agent-filled munition to another storage structure. Workers in protective clothing will clean the small amount of crystallized agent residue from the outside of the container and replace the plugs/valves later this week.

The earth covered storage structures were filtered and no vapor escaped to the environment. Tooele county officials were notified and there was no danger to surrounding communities.

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